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Photo by Mark Arike

Split end Hunter Bishop, left, anticipates the snap during the Red Hawks football home opener. See story and photos on page 26.

Highlands East candidates face the voters

By Matthew Desrosiers
 Editor

Highlands East voters got their first taste of what candidates had to offer in the municipality's all-candidates meeting, hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and CARP Chapter 54.

The meeting took place on Sept. 23 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Minden Hills resident Jack Brezina moderated the discussion. Each candidate was given two minutes for an opening statement, one minute

for a closing statement, and one minute to answer questions.

Questions were posed from the chamber, CARP, and from the audience.

Candidates tackled questions on the OPP billing model, economic development, and how to leverage seniors in the community.

Suzanne Partridge, Highlands East deputy-reeve, said the OPP billing formula will pose a challenge come budget time.

"It's going to be a very challenging time," she said. "We're going to have to have a council that can work together and think creatively, spending reductions without

hurting day-to-day services. There won't be room for luxuries. It's a very difficult task [and will] take a group effort to achieve results."

Her opponent in Ward 2, Adam Szelei, said the answer to budget problems is responsible fiscal management. His message throughout that evening was that council overspends on lawyers and consultants, and that by reducing these costs there should be "plenty of money available".

"Starting at the top, at council, there's where we start," he said. "We take a pay cut, a huge one."

Szelei challenged councillors on their \$15,000 per year part-time salary, plus benefits.

In Ward 4, Joan Barton said there's no point in continuing to fight against the new billing model as it's already been decided. She said the focus needs to be on how to deal with it.

"Every asset, expenditure will be put on the table and re-examined," she said, referring to the budget.

Her opponent, Todd Bertram, challenged the municipality's numbers when it comes to tax increases for ratepayers.

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Highlands East moves forward on office heat

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Municipality of Highlands East will spend \$65,000 to install an air-source heat pump system in its Wilberforce municipal office.

The decision came after a presentation to council by Tyler Peters of Evergreen Environmental, whose firm was contracted to look at both the Lloyd Watson Centre and municipal office's HVAC systems.

Peters said the existing oil heating system

has exceeded its useful life and needs to be replaced. Although the municipal office and Lloyd Watson Centre are attached, the spaces have different needs and were looked at separately, he said.

From the outset, the municipality directed Evergreen Environmental not to pursue fossil fuel-based systems. The three HVAC options that were agreed upon were electric, air-source, and ground-source heating.

While an electric heat system in the municipal office had the lowest capital cost at \$50,000, the air-source system


would cost an additional \$15,000 but would earn that money back over four years. It would cost the municipality less annually to operate that system than an electric one. The ground-source system had the highest potential energy cost savings out of the three, but its capital cost of \$95,000, or \$45,000 more than electric, was deemed too much by council.

In the Lloyd Watson Centre, Peters suggested going with an electric system due to the cost to implement air-source and the limited use of the building. He said with appropriate controls, the municipality

would be better served with the electric system. However, Ward 4 councillor Joan Barton said the report did not have enough detail as to the costs associated with the Lloyd Watson Centre and she wanted to see that before voting on a new system.

Council agreed to move ahead with an RFP for the air-source system on the municipal office side of the building, and will wait on more information to decide what to do at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Steve Cosentino, left, fields a question from the audience while Donna Graham awaits her turn to respond.

Economic development focus of meeting

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“My research into the new policing model has me thinking the numbers given to us by Highlands East are quite inflated,” he said. “My research, based on researching the Bancroft website, their model shows very limited increase for taxpayers.”

He said “fine-tuning” during the budget process would eliminate those expenses.

Economic development was another hot topic during the meeting.

Steve Cosentino, who is challenging incumbent Dave Burton for reeve, said the key is to instill confidence back into the municipal government and to leverage existing opportunities.

“Highlands East is open for business,” he said. “I’m most familiar with Gooderham, but there are some opportunities there with the public area where I believe there could be an opportunity for a ... camp ground.”

Burton, however, said it wasn’t that easy.

“I’ve been trying the past eight years as your reeve to attract jobs to this area,” he said. “It’s a bit difficult.”

He said it can’t be done by council alone, but that it would take a full community effort to bring light industry into Highlands East.

“[We have not] had a lot of success in getting business opportunities here, but I’m hoping with what we’ve done we can retain what we have.”

In Ward 1, challenger Cam MacKenzie said red tape is keeping businesses and contractors at bay in Highlands East, referring to the municipality’s building department.

“[We need to] reduce the red tape and speed up the applications for contractors here,” he said. “I know people who haven’t in the past even considered work here because of some of the red tape they’ve encountered.”

His opponent, incumbent Steve Kauffeldt, said the answer may be in tapping into the younger residents.

“We should put more faith in young people in this

community,” he said. “There are some bright, talented young people who live here and are in danger of drifting away. We need more opportunities for entrepreneurs.”

In a question for the reeves, one resident asked if the job could be done by someone who lives outside of the municipality. Cosentino owns two properties in Highlands East, but his primary residence is in Whitby.

“I have three addresses,” he said. “Two are here in Highlands East. I’m here every week of the year. I’ve been here the last three months, and if I’m elected I’m going to be here a hell of a lot more.”

“If elected, my address will be here,” Cosentino added later. However Burton was not convinced.

“I feel it’s important the reeve is in the municipality as often I can be with the duties I perform,” he said. “The main one is if there were an emergency, the head of council is the only one who can declare a state of emergency, but it’s hard to do that from Whitby.”

When the issue of a new pool in the county was brought up, most candidates were not in favour of supporting it.

Barton said the Highland East tax payers, in light of the OPP billing model, don’t have the money to make it happen. She said she would support it only if it didn’t cost Highland East ratepayers.

Kauffeldt, representing Cardiff, said Highlands East already has a pool.

“We already have a pool in Haliburton County, we have one in Cardiff,” he said. “We already have a pool we are struggling to keep open.”

“I just can’t see how we can afford to pay for another one when we already have one here.”

Both MacKenzie and Szelei questioned the numbers put forward by the pool’s supporters, saying they didn’t add up.

The entire all-candidates meeting can be viewed online at highlanderonline.ca, including a pre-show and post-meeting round table discussion.

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Editorial opinion

Have hope for Highlands East

The Highlands East all-candidates meeting on Sept. 23 was far from a barn burner. In fact, the stuff coming out from both candidates and audience members was so damp, you couldn't have lit a fire there if you wanted to.

These meetings are for candidates to talk about what could be, and their ideas on how to get there. Ratepayers are expected to challenge those ideas, yes, but also to think about them and consider their value. Instead, what we got was doom and gloom from the audience and candidates, rather than exploring the opportunities in Highlands East.

Granted, the meeting's format was not conducive to detailed answers and fleshed-out ideas, but at one point, Reeve Dave Burton answered the token economic development question with a resigned "it's a bit difficult" followed by a depressing "I'm hoping ... we can retain what we do have." That's vision.

But there was no challenge from the audience at that comment, no boos or jeers or follow up questions, because it seemed totally logical to dream of the status quo. I'm not sure in whom I'm more disappointed.

And this isn't to single out Reeve Burton, but his comments exemplified that attitude and its acceptance from the community. They boo'd, though, when Todd Bertram mistakenly suggested that seniors don't use the pool in Cardiff. How's that for priorities?

There certainly are challenges in Highlands East. The new OPP billing model looms overhead and councillors are, rightly so, already looking at ways to cut expenses. But that can't mean the municipality

shuts down. Unfortunately, for the economy to grow in Highlands East, money will have to be spent. That's a fact.

The community seemed defeated, like their expectations of council are simply for them not to spend any money, which is why the discussion about councillor salaries took off amongst candidates and the audience.

Highlands East councillors make \$15,000 per year, plus benefits. Ratepayers, of course, would rather they work for free. Not every councillor can afford to volunteer 15 hours per week – and let's be honest, it's more like 30. Those lucky enough to do so are welcome to it, but if anything, councillors should be paid more. At least with a competitive wage, you're more likely to attract a diverse pool of talented, qualified candidates.

I've been criticized for being too hard on Highlands East, but this critique is one I would extend to the rest of the county should their meetings follow the same line. Municipalities must be responsible, but they also must continue to move ahead despite ongoing challenges. Otherwise they become stagnant and die.

Joan Barton said her vision for Highlands East is that of a vibrant, exciting community.

The way to achieve that is for council and its constituents to work together, to have an understanding and a shared vision. Work to overcome challenges, take educated risks and aim to be better. Above all, have hope that together our community can be great.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Be informed

Election day is drawing ever nearer, but there is no reason to feel uninformed about the candidates vying for municipal council. Information is readily available so we can all vote wisely.

One benefit of being a reporter is having the opportunity to be fully informed. It's a benefit that drives many journalists who tend to have an innate need for information. We study, train, and become employed for the chance to learn more and share what we know in the hopes that information will help others. But it's still up to others to take it in and consider it.

Newspaper readers have a choice when they pick up of The Highlander. Most likely do not read every article. Instead, they'll skim the news – and there's an actual theory as to which way their eyes will travel across the page – looking for stories that interest them. Reporters don't have that same freedom. To produce a well-balanced and fully representative paper, we need to take it all in.

As frustrating as it can be when council meeting chairs sit empty, it's understandable that not everyone has the chance to leave work on a Thursday morning for hours of council discussion, so we do it for you. The all-candidates meeting on October 2 might be held at the same time your kid has practice or homework, or you might not have the transportation you need to get to the S.G. Nesbitt Arena to hear what your future councillors and reeve have to say. But we all have access to the Internet, either at home, at work, or at the public library. We all have access to the information we need to make good decisions.

Accessibility to information and

transparency are crucial needs in a healthy society, and it is thrilling to have resources like HighlanderOnline.ca and HTV videos available to every resident – seasonal or not – in the county. It's progressive that our community can see their candidates on screen and know what they look like and how they talk, as opposed to just seeing one quotation that a reporter thinks sums up a person's thoughts after potentially hours of gathering information. The videos, bios and stories shared there are meant to help you compare the visions of each candidate so you can get the full story.

So often we beg constituents to use their vote, but this is a different message. If you're going to vote, do so wisely.

There's no reason to be uninformed, Minden. Community members freely discuss their political opinions, and they should. But they should also dig deeper, like local reporters do, to make sure they're voting for the best candidate.

If you're going to vote just to get someone out of office, or because someone doesn't have council experience, first listen to what every candidate has to say. Compare them to ensure you're not just voting someone out, but voting the best person in. Go to the meetings, watch the videos, read the interviews. The chance to ask questions and have them answered is now a benefit and a luxury we all have. Take advantage of it.



By Sue Tiffin

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Letters to the editor

Why I am voting Gall

Dear editor,

One thing is certain as the voters of Minden Hills prepare to go to the polls: there is a strong desire for new leadership in the municipality.

The community has been whip-sawed by seemingly constant turmoil both at the council table and outside the municipal chambers. People are tired of all this nonsense and want their community back. They want to be a part of municipality that is progressive, inclusive and welcoming to new ideas.

That is why I am voting for Brigitte Gall for reeve. She espouses the kind of leadership this community needs. Young, energetic, thoughtful and a hard worker, Brigitte is just the sort of person to bring the various parts of this municipality together again. She is the candidate who can inspire people to step up and volunteer for the good of the community. I believe Brigitte is the kind of person we can trust to be honest and forthright as the leader of Minden Hills.

I know there are those who can't forget her ties with the so-called Vision Team of four years ago. But what those people don't acknowledge is she was the first to break ranks with that group, to demand accountability from all elected officials and, working with others, attempting to restore some sense of civility to municipal governance in Minden Hills.

There is a great deal of healing to be done to get this community back on track. Brigitte Gall has the experience, the faith in this community, compassion and work ethic that will put the heart back in Minden Hills. This time around, voters have a wonderful opportunity for change. That is why I intend to give Brigitte Gall my vote.

Jack Brezina
Minden

Can Cosentino be reeve from a distance?

Dear editor,

I have finished reading the articles about Mr. Cosentino who has thrown his hat in the ring to run against Reeve Burton. Is it just me or is it arrogant presumption to think that you can be in a position of responsibility such as reeve of a municipality, from a distance, part-time, and with no previous experience?

Because Mr. Cosentino has visited every small town in Ontario (really?) doesn't mean that he knows how they operate. Visit is the operative word. He says he has read, many of us can do that, and he has a degree. Many of us have those too. Even Justin Trudeau has one and I can't see that it's doing him much good.

Mr. Cosentino has been coming here since he was five, and as a five-year-old I'm sure he had his finger on the pulse of the community. He says he wants to have the municipality run in a democratic fashion. We thought it was a democracy! Did it not occur to him that no one chose to run against Reeve Burton because we were happy with what he has accomplished, and know that he will continue to do a great job in his next term?

Patricia Russell
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Photo of the week



Photo by Dave Kay

This little critter pokes his head out of cover to catch some sun.

You say tomato, I say shoot the pesky things...

Life throws up a dilemma from time to time, and by dilemma I mean something that my lovely wife and I don't agree upon. Now some would say that is normal, that they hardly ever agree with their wives, but I have to admit to being pretty much on the same page as mine. As such, when a disagreement does come up, I see it as a dilemma.

These dilemmas are usually trifling disagreements but ones which provoke debate nonetheless. In my previous life back in Blighty, living amidst the bustling metropolis that is London, dilemmas could include the best store to frequent to purchase wine (ah the joys of deregulated alcohol sales, but that's another story), who should go complain to our noisy upstairs neighbours, or disagreeing upon which combination of underground train lines to take into the city centre due to engineering works on our usual route. We once even split up and took our individual chosen and well-argued routes, so convinced were both of us that "mine is the quickest". On arrival at our destination station I climbed the stairway to the street and looked around. There was no sign of my lovely wife, she wasn't there yet. A smug grin slowly crept across my face as I savoured victory and stood looking back

down into the underground line exit tunnel awaiting her arrival.

As I pondered what smart but not-too-condescending comment to make about the battle of the sexes and always leaving travel arrangements to the man, I was nudged from my gloating by a tap on my shoulder. It was her, behind me. It seems my lovely wife had arrived a good 15 minutes before me and had been shopping (as could be proven by the multiple bags from a nearby clothing store) in order to kill time before my arrival. Damn it!

But none of these dilemmas haunts me now that I live in the countryside, pleasantly distant from a neighbour, far from a subway, and even further from any place where I can choose from a variety of stores to grab a bottle of vino. Instead, our rural life has thrown up an entirely different conundrum but one in which my lovely wife and I cannot agree on. You see, we are raising two pigs and this pair of wonderfully quirky creatures are a joy to have around, that is until we 'off' them in November and begin to enjoy them in a completely different but unbelievably delicious way. But that's not the problem. The disagreement we have is what to do with the large extended family of raccoons we now

have visiting daily to share the pig food.

When said raccoons first turned up they were four little balls of fluff no bigger than your average grapefruit. There was no adult with them and they seemed very unafraid of humans. As such, we could get quite close to them and my lovely wife delighted in taking photographs of the cute little critters.

That was three months ago and our 'coons have grown fast and fat on their diet of pig food. They also seem to have told most of their friends about the bounty in our backyard and I regularly see as many as seven of these now rather large, surly striped-faced critters in and around the pig pen.

Enter our dilemma. I want the 'coons gone. They are costing me money, after all. My wife agrees with this and, even though she still thinks they are cute, sees the wisdom in getting rid of them. What we can't agree on is the method of doing so.

My proposed solution involves Little Z's .22 and the making of Davy Crockett hats. My lovely wife doesn't agree with it, at all. And so, a stalemate has ensued. I chase the 'coons off (read up trees to sit and mock me). I hit them with a broom when given the chance and I've even been known to hurl a

rock or two into the bush after them. And then I go back into the house and state my case for the hundredth time.

"We've got to do something about those goddam 'coons! There's only one answer, I'm gonna have to shoot them."

"You're not shooting the raccoons!" comes a stern reply. And, if she's feeling really strongly, she might add: "You know how your little boy loves to see them. How could you even think about killing them?"

The use of Little Z in the argument is a clincher and I back down, again.

For his part, Little Z is quite interested in shooting, and he is intrigued when I bring home a limp goose or duck, so I'm unsure as to how to respond to my lovely wife's assertions of his horror at a little 'coon killing.

However, the dilemma remains and the raccoons grow fatter.

Just goes to prove that England or Canada, city or country, underground trains or up-in-a-tree 'coons, there will always be something for me and my lovely wife to lock horns about!



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *Are you enjoying the fall colours?*



Christine Marsh

Haliburton

Yes I am and I think that they are even better than last year. We have warm weather coming so I think that they will last for quite a while.

Jennifer Hearn

Haliburton

I sure am enjoying them. I certainly think that they are better than last year. I think that they are likely to get even better before they fall.



Julie Tolentino

Haliburton

Oh yes I am really enjoying them. I watch them every morning and they are getting more and more brilliant every day.

Jim McLeod

Haliburton

Very much enjoying them. Always can't wait for the fall colours and ColourFest. We had our niece and nephew here last year for it. What better place could there be than Haliburton?



Kathy McLeod

Haliburton

Well they are just starting and I am enjoying them a lot. I was on the Hike Haliburton last weekend looking for the best red maple leaves and saw lots.

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Municipal employee takes leave to enter race

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Sarah Coombs filed her nomination papers on Sept. 9, only three days before the deadline, to take on Brian Lynch for the Ward 1 councillor's seat in Algonquin Highlands.

But the Dorset resident entered the election at the last-minute because of her commitments to the township as a municipal employee.

"I wanted to give my employer and co-workers enough time to handle me leaving," said Coombs, who has been working part-time at the Dorset Recreation Centre for the past year. "That's why there was a little bit of delay in me filing."

According to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, a municipal employee can run for office provided they take a leave of absence before filing their nomination form.

This is Coombs's first time throwing her hat in the ring.

"I was approached during the last municipal election [in 2010] by quite a few people that were very supportive and showed an interest in me representing them," she said, adding that she decided not to run because her two children were younger and "it just wasn't the right time."

The first-time candidate grew up in Grimsby, Ont., but has lived in Dorset for the past 11 years.

"[I'm] a small town girl at heart," she said. "That's why I love it up here."

Currently, Coombs is looking toward her constituents to help build her platform.

"I'm really encouraging people to either call or email, because after all, this isn't about me. It's not about my ideas, it's their ideas and I really want them engaged in this

process."

As a volunteer with the Dorset Health Care Team, Coombs says it's a must to bring health care closer to home. The group has secured a location for a nurse practitioner station and raised funds for the project.

"That would be number one. It's really, really important to get as many services as possible closer to home."

Other areas she would like to focus on include economic development and innovation, youth engagement, protecting the environment, and beautification of the village.

With a background in broadcasting (Coombs was a morning show co-host and assistant corporate news director for Moose FM in Huntsville) she believes she brings a variety of skills to the table.

"That position really honed my research and community skills, and allowed me to develop the talent for getting to the meat of an issue and looking at it in a balanced and unbiased light."

She also currently runs an international e-commerce business called V3 Productions that produces virtual tours for the real estate industry.

"I think being a mother of two tweens, a business owner, the wife of a contractor and landlord, I represent a good portion of the population here in Dorset and the surrounding area that can relate to the issues that come with those positions."

If elected, Coombs won't be able to return to her job at the municipality. However, it's a position she's willing to give up for public office.

"I love working there ... It was a hard decision to face the fact that I might actually leave that position permanently," she said, adding that "running for municipal council and representing my ward is more important."

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9:00 am, COTW/Regular meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers (10:00 am Public Session)

Sept 28 & Oct 1

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7:00 – 9:00 pm, Municipal Election - Minden Hills Candidates meeting, S.G Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden

Oct 6

7:00 – 9:00 pm, Municipal Election – Reeves & Deputy Reeves meeting, Fleming College, Haliburton

Oct 9

9:00 am, COTW/Regular meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

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The AJG is exhibiting, from the permanent collection, a large selection of sketches and paintings by Andre Lapine that exclusively features images of horses.

Tomato/Tomato
Aug 26 – Oct 11

Artists: John Lennard & David Foy
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Photography Juried Exhibition
To be held at the AJG for the month of January 2015, the photos for the exhibition will be juried by Curator Laurie Carmount. This is an opportunity for photographers to show their prowess and creativity with their camera. The gallery will be producing an exhibition catalogue. Entries accepted from Dec 1 to 5. Entry forms can be obtained by visiting <http://mindenhills.ca/art-gallery/exhibitions/> or by visiting the Gallery at 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden.

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Construction continues in the Village of Minden.

The sidewalk work is anticipated to be completed by the 2nd week of October.

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Highlander news

The undead coming to Haliburton

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

An event that will bring the living dead to Haliburton on Nov. 1 has received the support of Dysart council.

During a Sept. 22 council meeting, councillors voted in favour of earmarking \$3,000 for marketing support for the first Haliburton Zombie Walk and Food Drive.

"The zombies are definitely coming to Haliburton," event producer Alex Bell told council.

Bell said he has been touch with people "from all walks of life" who are passionate about zombies and celebrating the undead.

He mentioned some of the many popular zombie walks that take place in other parts of the province, including the Toronto Zombie Walk.

"They get over 10,000 people every year," said Bell, who is also the producer of Terror On Wonderland Road, an annual event that takes place at his home.

The Haliburton event will include an evening of live entertainment at the Pinestone Resort with "Shockin'" Sherri Hawkins and The Rockin' Undead and a number of other festivities.

To participate in the walk, which starts at Head Lake Park, zombies are being asked to donate "nutritional" food or cash.

Although the event takes place the day after Halloween,

Bell said that Nov. 1 is officially known as the Day of the Dead.

Bell asked the municipality for \$5,000 to advertise the event to outlying regions.

"We have to work hard to get the zombies here," he said, explaining that although the event has several local sponsors, money needs to be spent in getting the word out to outlying regions.

"The resolution says three (thousand), but I think there may be some other ways of finding you some more," said Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Councillor Andrea Roberts was in support of a \$3,000 contribution.

"We're trying to create an event that's fun and brings some people into the town, but ultimately it's going to be supporting the food bank," said Roberts. "So if we start going higher on that, then maybe we should just be giving cash to the food bank."

Bell told council that when the organizing committee launched its Facebook page last week, it received 152 likes within a 12-hour period.

"To me, that says a lot because even if those people don't come here, they're reading about Haliburton. That's half the battle," he said.

Bell told The Highlander that the Zombie Walk is a municipal event.

'Hockey Hall of Fame' project in the works

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The A.J. LaRue Arena will soon have its own hockey hall of fame dedicated to past and present NHL players.

"It's basically about the hockey history that happened here in Haliburton," project leader Charlie Teljeur told council, "and a better way to show that."

A local resident who has been heavily involved in documenting Haliburton's hockey history, Teljeur was co-producer of the hockey documentary "There's Something in the Water?"

With his latest project, Teljeur proposed putting up vinyl posters featuring local players on each of the doors in the arena. The seven rooms would be dedicated to the likes of Ron Stackhouse, Bernie Nicholls, Matt Duchene, Cody Hodgson, Walt McKechnie, Haliburton Hockey Haven and former NHL referee Scotty Morrison.

"The numbers work out really perfectly here," said Teljeur, who estimated that the entire project would cost \$2,500.

He pointed out that local hockey teams could be

recognized in a similar fashion on doors located in the arena's lobby.

"We could put collages on the doors, so it's not just about the guys who reach the ultimate [level]," he said, adding that the project would instill a sense of pride in the community.

"It's a neat idea," said councillor Andrea Roberts, who asked if the posters would be durable or prone to damage.

Teljeur said he has been in communication with a company in Barrie that provides vinyl wraps on vehicles.

"They said they'd put it up, install it, the whole thing," said Teljeur. "Then they'd put on a coat on the outside."

Fearrey asked how long it would take to get the posters put on the doors.

"If you gave it the go-ahead, you could probably have the thing done in a month or two," answered Teljeur.

Council endorsed Teljeur's concept and passed a resolution to authorize a contribution of \$2,500 to the project.

"Just so that everyone knows, that money is already there," said Fearrey, adding that the funds were budgeted elsewhere but weren't spent.

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Photo by Lisa Harrison

Construction has begun on hangars 3 and 4 at Haliburton/Stanhope Airport.

AH bids for airport road funding

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Construction has begun but is delayed on Hangars 3 and 4 at Haliburton/Stanhope Municipal Airport, Stanhope Airport Road may get a complete makeover within the next two years, and airport animal pests are about to meet their match.

Fowler Construction received Algonquin Highlands council approval to extend completion dates on the two hangars, which are being constructed as part of the relocation project for the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fire Management Headquarters to the airport.

The hangars were due for completion on Oct. 19. Chief administration officer Angie Bird told council at its Sept. 18 regular meeting that Hangar 3 will be finished by Oct. 22 and Hangar 4 will not be completed until Nov. 12.

Fowler cited additional time required to remove tree-clearing debris and denial of a \$17,400 change order to bring in another steel erection crew as the reasons for the four-week delay for Hangar 4 completion.

Hangar 3 was of greatest concern to the township "because that is the hangar that will house all of our tenants that are out of a hangar at the moment," said Bird.

"My concern was the tenants, but if we're not putting anybody out for any longer than we would have been normally and this is not putting anybody or anything at risk, then I'm not as concerned," said Deputy-Reeve Liz Danielsen.

In an email update on Sept. 24, Bird wrote that Hangars 1 and 2 still required "a couple of days of interior work", explaining that the inside crew is being used to focus on the exteriors of Hangars 3 and 4 while the weather is good.

"While September 19 was an interim completion target date for Hangars E & G, they will not be accessible until the paving is complete Oct. 17," Bird added.

Council has also approved submission of an Expression of Interest (EOI) for funding to rebuild Stanhope Airport Road and resurface the new airport access road and parking lot. The funds would come from the new permanent Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund launched in August.

Public works manager Mike Thomas reported the township's asset management plan estimated resurfacing and minor ditching would cost \$125,000. Thomas said the work was scheduled for 2015 but would be postponed to avoid damage to the new surface from heavy vehicles during MNR construction.

The deadline for submission of the EOI was Sept. 19. Ward 3 councillor Marlene Kyle expressed concern that councillors were given insufficient information regarding the EOI to make a decision in time, but she was the sole dissenting voter.

Bird has confirmed the township submitted a request for 88.97 per cent of the \$907,000 preliminary estimated cost of the project.

Airport manager Cam Loucks advised councillors that upon receipt of appropriate

permits that are "coming in short order", a new wildlife control program will be implemented at the airport to make it safer for aviators and their passengers.

"Unfortunately, wildlife love airports because ... they can come in and it's open and they can see everything that's coming for them," said Loucks.

According to Loucks, time will be the only cost associated with the program.



By Matthew Desrosiers

A floor of memories at Kozy Corner

Before the new carpet goes down, regulars at the Kozy Corner in Haliburton Village were given a chance to leave their mark on the well-known establishment's sub-floor – permanently. The Kozy's owner, Ann Gordon, said she asked staff and her regular customers to leave messages on the sub-floor using permanent marker. While some signed their names, others left messages for future generations to remind them why the Kozy was such a staple in the community. Reasons included fresh turkey, friendly service, and a great place to gather. Some regulars wrote their names under their designated spots, so people would always know who sat there.

Pictured above, front row are Kozy Corner employee and Tracey Morrison and owner Ann Gordon. In the back from left are regular customers Jim Tice, Eleanor Lymer, Ray Lymer, Janet Tice, Len Salvatori, and Noni Richardson. Each has left their mark on Kozy's sub floor.

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Photo by Mark Arike

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, left, and Kim Emmerson, owner of the Emmerson Dam, unveil a plaque that tells the history of the dam and its importance to Haliburton.

Dam's history etched in plaque

By Mark Arike
Staff writer
With files from Matthew Desrosiers

A plaque has been installed near the Emmerson Dam in Haliburton to commemorate 150 years of history. Dysart councillors, municipal staff and members of the Emmerson family gathered at the site of the plaque on Sept. 18 for the unveiling ceremony. “I’m sure everyone is as excited to see this plaque as I am,” said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey. Fearrey explained that the idea to put up a plaque came about in August of 2013,

following a rededication event held at the dam. “It’s part of our history here in Haliburton, and the right thing to do was to put a plaque up to tell the history of logging here and this operation,” he said. The original structure, then made out of wood, was built back in 1864 when Haliburton’s first settlers constructed a saw mill along the river. The following year, 1865, they built a grist mill. These two things were essential for a new community. The dam was reconstructed by Kim Emmerson’s grandfather, W.O. Bailey, in 1946. Emmerson, who owns the dam, was pleased

by the municipality’s effort to recognize the historic site and preserve its story. “I’m really pleased that the municipality went to the trouble of making this plaque and making it so that people can’t tear it down,” said Emmerson, who was joined by his sister, Cheryl Kennedy, and son, Ryan. Emmerson began restoring the dam 10 years ago. “Our whole family is happy to participate in the restoration so that people in the future can enjoy the walkway, and the peace of the water coming over the waterfalls and the looks of it,” he said. The municipality installed and commissioned the piece.



Photo by Mark Arike

A worker repairs a section of the sidewalk along the south side of Highland Street.

Sidewalk repairs underway on Highland Street

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Work crews have been busy improving sidewalks and curbs on the south side of Highland Street in Haliburton, between Cedar Avenue and County Road 1. “The new sidewalks are progressing and pieces of curbs that were replaced have been poured,” said Brian Nicholson, director of public works, on Sept. 23. A new asphalt sidewalk will be in place once the work is completed, said Nicholson. All construction should be finished later this week or early next week. On Monday and Tuesday, motorists experienced some minor delays as traffic was stopped in either direction for workers. The work is being carried out by Fowler Construction.

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Tomato/tomato or apples and oranges

Right now, at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden, there's an exhibition titled 'tomato/tomato.' The title is taken from the song 'Let's call the whole thing off,' which contains the phrase "You say tomahto, I say tomatto."

That phrase is commonly used when two people express different ways of looking at the same thing. So, by condensing the phrase to two simple words AJG curator Laurie Carmount has brilliantly encapsulated what artists John Lennard and his friend David Foyn set out to do.

John and David had the idea that they'd go out and work together in the same locations and see how differently they interpreted what they saw. The result is some absolutely stunning imagery that brings the AJG space alive in a manner that very few exhibits have been able to do.

Most people in the Highlands, even those who only possess a smattering of artistic interest, know of John Lennard. His works have graced our galleries, homes and office spaces for many years. He's listed in 'A Dictionary of Canadian Artists' and he's well-known outside our borders.

David Foyn is a newbie to the Highlands, but his work is infused with an energy that is totally refreshing. His work invigorates our landscape art scene like the mists of river rapids invigorates our souls, and rapids are the subject of many of Foyn's paintings at the gallery.

Lennard lives in Minden and works impressionistically in oils. His love of nature is vividly expressed in his colourful canvasses which capture the play of light and shadow in leafy woods, and on rocky shorelines.

Lennard's biography for the exhibition explains that "the bold colour and strong design enables the viewers to look into the shadows and see light and colour they never knew existed in nature, thus allowing them to enter nature with a sensitized eye."

I'd add to that by saying that Lennard captures the essence of a scene by mixing bold strokes of brilliant colour, specifically reds and yellows, with subtler, muted and 'washed' tones to produce a totality both outlandishly extravagant and serene. It's within this seeming dichotomy that Lennard's brilliance resides.

David Foyn, who comes to us by way of China, Thailand, and England, presents a more realist style that is compellingly different from Lennard's. Direct comparison of their work sails well beyond the tomato/tomato allusion and falls into the domain of an apples and oranges equation.

Unlike Lennard, Foyn works in acrylics. And unlike Lennard, who sketches in preparation for his canvasses, Foyn likes to use a camera. He then uses those digital images in studio as reference for his

What's Up



By George Farrell

paintings.

While it might be argued that Lennard's oils are western in 'feel,' Foyn's are decidedly eastern. One viewer said that his works were Japanese in flavour. Wrong country, but many an art lover has been fooled by the historic Chinese /Japanese two-way flow of influencing styles.

If Lennard's use of colours can be described as bold, Foyn's by comparison, are restrained. His palette consists mainly of earth tones yet his work has a majesty of power and movement, especially when he deals with rushing waters. And whereas Lennard sees summertime leaves in many hues, Foyn uses shades of green to delineate and backlight his foliage.

Foyn's bio' says that "The key elements of light, atmosphere and perspective help to bring his landscapes alive." I'd say Foyn leans most heavily on atmosphere, and it instills a spiritual quality to his work.

Curator Carmount has mounted the exhibition in a delicious manner, offering viewers, when first entering the gallery, a side-by-side examples of Lennard's and Foyn's interpretation of the same scene, from exactly the same point of view. Much of the rest of the exhibition is a mixture of the works which were created in the same general areas. However both artists have dedicated spaces which contain only their own works.

One hallway of the gallery contains only Lennard's, and the effect of so much colour in such a confined space is almost overwhelming. The Lennard-lined hallway reminds me of a walk in the woods on a bright sunny day in the fall, with the maple trees ablaze.

A room off the hall is given over to seven fairly large images of Foyn's, all of which depict water cascading over rocks, and while Lennard's hallway evokes a cathedral-like silence, in Foyn's room I could almost hear the rushings and splashings of tumbling waters. Interestingly this room contains the only image of a life form other than flora in the whole exhibition, as Foyn has inserted a small wading bird into one of his paintings.

In the big main room Carmount has hung oils and sketches from the gallery's permanent collection of works by Andre Lapine. The 'Grand Salon' exhibition features images of Lapine's horses, for which he was so well-known.

Lapine's talent is a given, but Lennard and Foyn are also very talented artists, and 'tomato/tomato,' which is at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until Oct. 11, is an experience not to be missed.



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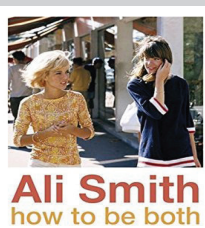
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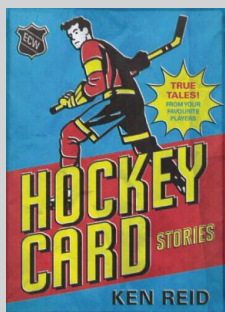
Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. How To Be Both by Ali Smith (2014 Man Booker Prize short list)
2. Edge of Eternity by Ken Follett
3. Raging Heat by Richard Castle



HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. Hockey Card Stories: true tales from your favourite players by Ken Reid
2. The Best Place To Be Today by Lonely Planet
3. Village of Secrets: defying the Nazis in Vichy France by Caroline Moorehead

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. Flashpoint by Gordon Korman (JF)
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1. The Fault in Our Stars (DVD)
2. The King's Curse by Philippa Gregory (Book on CD)

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October is Canadian Library Month! As part of Canadian Library month, it is time to vote for your favourite Evergreen™ Award title. Watch for polling stations starting Oct. 1. Voting will run until Oct. 25. For a complete list of Evergreen titles visit haliburtonlibrary.ca. The Evergreen Award is the only literary award where Ontario library patrons get to vote – come out and have your say!



Photo submitted by Elizabeth Siegfried

The new Group of Seven and Tom Thomson Outdoor Exhibit at Oxtongue Lake was unveiled on Sept. 20.

Oxtongue exhibit celebrates Group of Seven

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Group of Seven artists live on in a new exhibition at Oxtongue Lake.

An outdoor installation that celebrates the work of Tom Thomson and Group of Seven artists in the Oxtongue Lake area was unveiled on Sept. 20. More than 300 guests participated in the ceremony.

Thomson came to the Oxtongue River to fish and sketch more than 100 years ago. A.Y. Jackson, Lawren Harris and A.J. Casson followed, with Casson staying at the local Blue Spruce Resort many times as he painted during the last 30 years of his life.

Their creations in the area are now on display in galleries such as the National Art Gallery of Canada (Thomson's "Northern River" and Jackson's "The Red Maple") and the Ottawa Art Gallery (Casson's "Early September, Oxtongue Lake").

Casson's daughter Margaret Hall attended the unveiling ceremony for The Group of Seven and Tom Thomson Outdoor Exhibit with her husband Doug, and cut the ribbon.

Despite pouring rain, attendees enjoyed a barbecue, a themed art activity for kids with art teacher Diane Finlayson and sponsorship by Crayola Canada and walking tours to sites

where Casson created some of his works.

Attendees also received a sneak peek of an excerpt from an upcoming documentary film by award-winning producer Bob Hilscher about Thomson and the Group of Seven in the area, and toured a collection of area works created by local artists.

The outdoor exhibit at the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre was developed by not-for-profit group Oxtongue Lake for Arts and Culture (OLAC). Admission to the event was free, with any donations going to OLAC.

"It was a very successful day," reported Jan Woods, OLAC project coordinator, in an email. "Bob's excerpt of the film was fantastic. People can't wait for it to be released in the spring."

The permanent exhibit was made possible by support from the National Art Gallery of Canada, the Ottawa Art Gallery, and the Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery in Samia, which is home to "Spring on the Oxtongue River" by Lawren Harris. All have granted permission for the use of the artwork displayed in the exhibit.

The exhibit was also made possible by support from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Township of Algonquin Highlands, Oxtongue Lake Business Association, Oxtongue Lake Community Centre Committee, Oxtongue Lake Ratepayers Association, Dwight Lumber & Building Supply – Ace Hardware, and Oxtongue Lake Contracting.

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Ben Luna was a student at the original Eagle Lake School in the 1930s. In this photo he points to the names of former students he recognizes.

Eagle Lake students step into the past

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

After years, and in some cases decades apart, several former students of Eagle Lake School had a chance to relive old memories during a reunion on Sept. 20.

The Eagle Lake Community Church was full for the special event, which was organized by a few local women who once attended the now-defunct school.

“Some of these people I haven’t seen in probably fifty years,” said Sib McColl-Holland, who along with Bernice Henry, Lynda Besse and Pat Bain organized the celebration.

“It’s been very emotional,” said Henry.

The women got together a year ago and decided it was time to organize a reunion “before any more of us are gone,” said Bain.

“It’s just really important to connect, and after this you realize it’s even more important.”

The school, which was located on land purchased for \$200, opened in 1945. It provided learning for students in grades 1-8 in two rooms - a “big room” and “little room” - as the former students describe it.

According to a handout at the event, the new school was “a real change for students and

teachers.” It included large, airy classrooms, work and playrooms, lots of cupboards for storage and inside conveniences.

Prior to its opening, the original school, located “up on the big hill,” served students in the 1930s.

Ninety-one-year-old Haliburton resident Elva Heard attended the first school and was the oldest graduate in attendance.

“Our teachers were wonderful,” said Heard, who graduated in 1937.

Burlington resident and cottager Grey Sisson attended the second school from 1945-53, and then went to high school in Haliburton. His mother, Margaret Sisson, was a teacher and principal from the time it opened until 1966, at which time it became a junior school and all senior students were bused to Haliburton.

“It brings back so many memories,” said Sisson of the reunion.

“There’s just so many people here you haven’t seen for years.”

Holland spoke highly of Sisson’s mother, saying she was the person “who influenced all of us.” Heard commented that Margaret was the best teacher she ever had.

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Wing renamed after former principal

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

She's been referred to as one of the driving forces behind the creation of the Haliburton School of the Arts. For over three decades, she was the principal of the local campus, leaving an indelible mark on its history and helping shape its promising future.

On Sept. 19, the Haliburton campus's studio wing was renamed the Barb Bolin Studio Wing to recognize the contributions Bolin made to the college as a leader and advocate for the arts. The special event also marked the 10th anniversary of the Haliburton School of the Arts.

"Barb was instrumental in the vision and construction of our campus," campus principal Sandra Dupret told those who gathered in the Great Hall. "Today, do we not only celebrate a decade of creative space, but it's also a time to honour Barb's commitment to the college and to the community."

In 2004, over \$2.5 million was raised by a group of dedicated volunteers, the Friends of Fleming College Foundation, and received from the provincial government's SuperBuild fund, Dupret explained.

The campus cost a total of \$9 million. "It [the campus] provides a spectacular learning environment, and it really has served

us well," she said.

Dupret said that this year's enrollment includes approximately 200 full-time and 2,300 part-time students.

Since the campus opened a decade ago, full-time enrollment has increased by 30 per cent. The school is currently home to 14 full-time programs, including the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma program.

Faculty from across Canada teach at the school, Dupret said, and it's the only college in Ontario that offers students transfer and articulation agreements that allow them entry into the major arts universities in the country.

Fleming College president Brian Desbians said that as a leader, Bolin was able to find solutions to problems and help others realize her dream.

"It was really Barb who was the blockbuster," said Desbians.

"I think it's very appropriate that we name this wing after the person who created the magic - who created the climate, the culture and the winning circumstance."

Bolin thanked her family, friends, college staff, the campaign team, municipality and members of the community for their support over the years.

"We see the positive economic effect ... but 10 years later we're also seeing the long-term economic effect," she said, listing the many



Photo by Mark Arike

Former Haliburton School of the Arts principal Barb Bolin admires a plaque that was created in her honour by faculty members Rene Petitjean and Andrew Kuntz. A packed Great Hall gave Bolin a standing ovation.

ways that students spend their money in the community.

Faculty also contribute to the local economy, as several have decided to make Haliburton their permanent home, said Bolin.

"Fleming College is the core reason why Haliburton is known as an arts centre, and it has helped build Haliburton and the arts as a core part of our economy."

God willing...

Going to the landfill is never a job you jump at the chance to do, however I find it interesting as I like to watch the seagulls.

They are big and small and come in all different colours. Some are shy, while others are very bold. They will stand right in front of your vehicle and never move until the very last minute. I'm sure if you go to the landfill you have experienced this yourself.

On our last visit to the landfill it was even more interesting than usual. While I was throwing out the trash in the lower landfill, I noticed one small seagull off to the side. It was standing very still and not really as active as the other birds. When the seagull did walk a few steps it seemed to be moving its wings in a strange way. I thought the bird was wounded and told my grandma

to look.

She said the bird's wings were fine, but it had no foot. I wondered how this could have happened. Was it bitten off by a predator, a fox (which we've seen at the dump before) or maybe a coyote? Did it perhaps step into an old can and injure its foot resulting in it rotting off? In any event it is amazing to me that this vulnerable little creature is able to continue with its daily living even though it has this disability.

People that deal with disabilities do the same thing. They find a way to manage the needs of daily living in spite of the challenge. I don't think I've ever thought of animals in the wild and the dangers they face or how they survive with physical challenges. In most cases the

animals probably don't survive the trauma. Domestic animals are less inclined to be in situations where they might have injury to their extremities and are lucky in the fact that they have veterinarians. When they do become injured they have their owners to tend to them and make sure they get immediate attention.

Wild animals aren't so lucky, but like the little seagull, they will endure hardship and survive. I would venture to say that the phrase "survival of the fittest" is proven more often than we observe. As humans we have the luxury of medicine and doctors. Does this mean we are less likely to survive because of our dependence? What would happen to us as a race is something catastrophic were to happen?

Would we have the tools, strength and knowledge required to survive? I think or hope that some deep seated instinct would kick into gear and we would be able to overcome all the new challenges.

If you consider the challenges of all animals as well as plants, like those trees growing in little cracks in the rocks, all in all it is amazing to me how strong the will to survive really is. I believe I am a survivor.



By Austin McGillion

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Emergency kits

One of the first lessons drivers learn about winter driving is to be prepared.

Being prepared means having a vehicle in good condition, knowing how to drive it and, of course, having a plan in case something goes wrong. In the event of an accident, or if the car breaks down, it's important that drivers and their passengers have access to an emergency kit to help them survive while they wait for help.

Many commercially-purchased first aid kits, for example, come standard with a crank flashlight, a candle, water, and a heat blanket. But that's just the tip of the iceberg.

A good emergency kit starts with reflective markers that can be placed behind and in front of the vehicle, so that oncoming drivers can see them and avoid a collision, especially in low-visibility scenarios. Depending on how many markers the driver has, they should place the signs where other drivers can clearly see them and have ample time to avoid the driver's car.

Water bottles, granola or other ration bars are also a good idea for a kit because they last a long time, can be stored easily, and can provide sustenance if the wait is long or if the driver is trapped in the vehicle.

Spare warm clothes should be stored in the vehicle so that the driver can be protected from the cold when the car is off. Never leave home without hand and ear



protection, and a pair of heavy socks in the trunk is a good idea also.

A staple in any good roadside emergency kit is a set of booster cables. Often drivers will stop to help, but don't have cables of their own. Don't take the risk, always keep a set in your trunk. It's also a good idea to have a small shovel in the trunk in case you have to dig yourself out of the snow, either in your driveway or along the side of the road.

Some drivers will go so far as to put a sandbag in the trunk of their car, or a box of cat litter. This serves two purposes. The first is to add weight to the rear of the vehicle, providing a little extra traction, and the other is to have it to spread over icy surfaces, mainly on hills, to give the vehicle the traction it needs to get going.

Emergency or roadside kits are a must-have any time of the year, but especially in the winter. They can be put together without too much expense, and will save drivers a lot of hassle in the event something goes wrong on the road.

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Rust-proofing your vehicle

For the serious car owner, rust-proofing is a no brainer. The rest of us, however, question it.

But we shouldn't.

Everyone has seen those rusty cars rolling down the road, the paint peeling away or stained an ugly brown by rust. Apart from the obvious, that a rusty car is harder to sell and has less value than one that's intact, it's the rust underneath the car that's the real problem.

Cars that have been on the road for a while and haven't been rust-proofed will often have holes in the body made by, you guess it, rust. But underneath, the components of the vehicle are slowly being eaten away, as well. It's not unheard of for a muffler to fall off a car, or part of the frame to break off from rust.

Mechanics and car body experts can't do much in those cases because the integrity of the frame or body is so compromised, any repair would be an unsafe bandaid solution, at best.

Salt used on roads is a major contributing factor to rust on our vehicles, but there are others. Some people think washing the car once a week will solve the problem, and it certainly helps, but it won't protect your vehicle forever.

Instead, the best option is to approach a local rust-proofing expert for an assessment and treatment of your vehicle. The prices are not outrageous, and they can prolong the life of your vehicle significantly.

And when it's time to trade in or sell it off for something new, you'll be much happier with the price you get than if you were trying to sell a rust bucket.

There are several types of treatments available for rust-proofing. Oil-based treatments are the most common and if you do a search online, you'll find quite a few websites recommend them still. However, it's worth a conversation with your local rust-proofer to



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What value do you put on your safety, or that of your friends or family that will be travelling with you this winter in your car?

It sounds dramatic, but so is the improvement in performance between a standard set of all-season tires and winters.

Winter, or snow tires, are designed to operate in cold weather. They use a softer rubber compound that is resistant to cold temperatures. That means that when the temperature drops, your tires will continue to grip.

All-seasons, on the other hand, are made of a harder compound. When it gets cold, the rubber gets harder still and the treads have no flex –



they're unable to grip the road as they were designed to do. That results in reduced traction, poor handling, and braking issues.

All tires work best in certain temperatures. The warmer it is, the better summer tires perform. The colder it is, the better winters perform. All-seasons operate in the middle, but while they're good enough for most in the summer, they don't cut it in the winter.

You can easily spot the difference in a winter tire versus a summer or all-season tire. Winters have closely-grouped lugs – or blocks of rubber – that are riddled with tiny gashes that squish into the road and grip the pavement or ice. They're flexible enough that you can spread them with your fingers.

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reduced in the snow and ice, that you get better handling around corners and feel much more stable on the road.

So what about the cost?

Like most things, winter tires are an investment and should be treated as such. Because of their softer rubber, they wear much faster than summer or all-season tires do in warm weather. Some people will buy a set of snow tires, keep them on year round and wonder why they need to be replaced after less than two years on the road.

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FALL CAR CARE



Fall maintenance

Temperatures are still above freezing, but that just means it's the perfect time to get your vehicle in shape for the winter.

Waiting until the snow falls is a sure way to get yourself into trouble. Often drivers neglect their vehicles over the summer, putting lots of hard, Haliburton kilometres on travelling to and from the lake. But forgetting to check your fluids, or ignoring your brakes, are two sure-fire ways to end up on the side of the road come snow season.

Probably the easiest way to start is with a visual inspection of your vehicle. Start by looking at your wipers. Are they ripped or in disrepair? Do they leave streaks across the window when you use them? Rest assured that when the snow flies, you'll be using your wipers a lot. Ripped wipers will only leave marks on your window that will impede vision. They'll leave snow on the windshield, and in the event you have ice build-up on the window, you'll only rip them further.

A quick trip to the auto parts store will find you a new pair of wipers. Combine them with windshield washer fluid designed for the winter – some are de-icers too – and you should have nothing to worry about. Just make sure to keep an eye on your washer fluid throughout the winter. It's a good idea to leave some in the trunk.

Continue your visual inspection by looking at your windshield and windows. You're looking for cracks or blemishes that could expand in the cold.

When the weather turns, you'll start to see the once-small cracks creep across the windshield until you're driving behind a very unsafe piece of glass. Before it gets to that point, most auto-glass specialists can actually fix the window so it's ready to go for the winter. This isn't a repair you want to

ignore, as once the windshield is cracked and must be replaced, the costs skyrocket.

Under the hood of your vehicle, you want to look at the battery's housing. You're on the search for corrosion, which can indicate the battery needs to be replaced. Also look at the pegs and clear them of dirt and other crud. Some experts say batteries should be replaced every three years, so defer to your mechanic if you're unsure.

While you're at the shop, it's a good idea to request a general tune up and fluid level check. One of the important things to look for is antifreeze levels. There are kits available to check that your antifreeze mix is in the right range, however it's just as easy to allow the mechanic to manage it for you.

Once you're satisfied the basics are covered (fluids, windows, battery, and wipers), it's time to look at your tires. Snow tires are a good idea, especially in the Highlands. All-season tires, for the most part, won't cut it.

As the temperatures get colder, make it a point to do a visual check of your tire pressure in the mornings. Hot air expands, while cold air contracts. That means as the temperature drops, tires will often lose pressure. If your air pressure sensor comes on, don't panic. It doesn't necessarily mean you've picked up a nail – it could be something as simple as a cold snap. When temperatures are consistently cold, this should stop being a problem. However, it's always a good idea to look just in case.

Fall car care is all about preparing your vehicle for the rigours of winter driving. If you're unsure, take it to your mechanic and let the professionals get it ready for the cold. Safe driving.

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FALL CAR CARE

Driving safely

Fall marks the buffer zone between summer and winter driving.

It may seem too early to think about driving in the snow, but failing to make the proper adjustments is a sure way to end up in the ditch, or worse. The cool, wet fall weather provides ample time for drivers to ease into winter driving mode.

The first and most important thing to remember is to slow down. Summer driving – with warm temperatures and dry roads – tends to make drivers want to go fast. Cars stop faster and are easier to control around corners and on hills.

Driving in wet and snowy conditions is an entirely different story.

Be sure to leave plenty of room between your car and the one ahead of you. Drive slowly and give yourself lots of time to stop if necessary. Having to apply the brakes quickly in those conditions will result in a skid and likely an accident.

Braking should be done slowly and cautiously, which is why speed and

distance is so important. Even when travelling at 40 or 50 kilometres per hour, a car with winter tires can hit ice and lose traction. This means when driving in town, it is very important to go slowly and take extra precaution when approaching stop lights and signs.

If your car has standard brakes, the best way to stop in a controlled manner is to gently apply pressure on the pedal, then release if you feel the brakes begin to lock up. This is called pumping the brakes. Do so slowly and carefully to avoid entering into a skid. Anti-lock brakes (ABS), on the other hand, do not require pumping. When the brake is applied, drivers will feel a pulsing of the brakes which is normal with ABS systems.

Even with careful driving, hills can be daunting in the winter or wet weather.

When approaching a hill, accelerate before hitting the incline so your car has momentum to make it up. If you have to hit the gas hard or brake on the hill, you could find yourself



in trouble. When approaching a downhill, speed can be your worst enemy. Slow down before beginning the downhill so that you can coast down the hill and avoid braking on the way down. If you have to brake, do so carefully.

Turning the wheel, accelerating and braking are three actions that result in a loss of traction. While each is necessary, try to avoid doing any two of them at the same. For example, accelerating while turning

can cause your car to spin out, as can braking and turning. Slow down going into a corner, coast around it, and accelerate once you're through.

Proper car maintenance and having the right equipment is a key part of safe winter driving. Investing in snow tires, making sure all your maintenance has been done, and knowing what your vehicle is capable of handling, when combined with the above driving tips, will help you keep you safe this winter.



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Highlander sports



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Several senior Red Hawks football players take down one of their opponents from the Peterborough Saints.

Senior Hawks soar to 17-8 victory in home opener

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

In their first game of the season, the senior Red Hawks football team secured a 17-8 victory over the Peterborough Saints on Sept. 19.

The team, which consists of a total of 35 players, maintained their lead throughout the game.

"It went pretty good," said defensive end and team captain Brandon Lethbridge. "We scored on the first drive."

"We scored on that one, our defense played good," added full back and team captain Jordan Hamilton.

Coach Tim Davies was pleased overall

with the team's performance, but pointed out where they faltered.

"We did some things very well and were able to score some points," said Davies, "and then I think we got tired in the second half, to be honest. When you play football tired you just can't do things the way they're supposed to be done, up to speed."

He said the team would need to focus on conditioning in next week's practice. During the summer months, it's up to the students to do their own training in advance of the upcoming season.

"Once again, as always, lots didn't and we've been dealing with some little injuries that were as a result of not doing enough training," he said.

Davies said the opposing team had "a couple of good athletes" that at times were "difficult for our guys to stop."

He thanked all the parents and members of the community who attend the games for their support.

"It's nice to see our community come out and support the game of football."

Following the senior team's victory, the junior team took to the field to take on the Fenelon Falls Falcons. Their efforts, however, wouldn't end in the same result. The Falcons narrowly defeated the home team 24-20.

"[I'm] very happy with the team," wrote coach Bruce Griffith in an email on Sept. 20. "They played a bigger school and

almost took them down. They played with a lot of heart and are pretty banged up today."

Although Griffith admitted his team was "out-coached at the end of the game," he said they "never gave up" and "learned from the loss."

The Hawks played solid defence, he said, but had a hard time keeping up with the speed of their opponents.

The team will head to Peterborough on Sept. 24 for their next game.

"After next week we play two of the smaller schools so I expect to get as many players into the game as possible!" he said, referring to the involvement of rookie players.



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Above: Red Hawk Abby Gordon fights for possession against a Saints defender. Left: Maggie Scheffee fires the ball towards the Saints' net.

Varsity A ‘first to the ball’ for 2-0 win

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks Varsity A girls field hockey team dominated the St. Peter's Secondary School Saints in the team's regular season home opener.

Although the girls only won by a score of 2-0, they managed to keep ball possession for the majority of both halves and didn't allow a single shot against in the second half.

"[Our] first half was a little disjointed,"

said the team's coach Caley Sisson after the game. "The second half [we] kind of got [our] groove."

Sisson said the girls weren't playing their game in the first half, despite owning ball possession.

"They weren't getting their shots on net," she said.

What shots were directed to the net were stopped by the Saints' goalie, who Sisson says is an experienced hockey goaltender in Peterborough.

Shae MacNaull put the Red Hawks on the board early in the second half.

"[Her] goal set the precedent for the rest

of the half," Sisson said. "It brought [the team's] spirits up. They got their groove."

From there, the coach said her team started playing their game. The girls went from trying to carry the ball to the goal in the first half, to close to the circle and fire the ball at the net looking for rebounds. The strategy paid off when Sydney Feir scored late in the half to put the Red Hawks up 2-0.

Sisson credits the team's "first to the ball" mentality and overall experience for their strong defensive play in the second.

"I have a lot of experience," she said, adding that 11 of the girls are in Grade 12.

"I have an experienced team. There are just a few new players this year. These girls have all played together for quite a few years now. That's a bonus for sure."

While the team was unable to capitalize on a number of scoring chances – they had six short corner, or penalty corner, opportunities in the second half – Sisson said she was still pleased with how they played.

"This was a great way to start the season," she said. "[There are] positive things to come. Definitely, the fact that it wasn't an astronomical lead was good for us. It keeps us grounded and, like every other team, we have stuff to work towards."



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Highlander sports



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Over 150 riders participated in the 61st annual Corduroy Enduro in Gooderham from Sept. 19-21. The racers tested their skills and mettle through rugged trails and obstacles over the three-day race.



Riders battle enduro

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Blair Sharpless, Corduroy Enduro's event chairman, says the dirt bike trek remains Canada's toughest race.

"The 61st Corduroy went very well," he said. "Beautiful weather on Friday, Day 1 had all the riders smiling. However by the end of Sunday, Day 3, the heavy rain had taken its toll on both the riders and the bikes."

The race was hosted in Gooderham from Sept. 19-21, with 150 participants and another 50 trail riders. Sharpless said the race's 61 years of history and its reputation remains its biggest draw for riders.

"Just finishing the enduro is all some riders hope for," he said. "[It's] tons of the most

scenic and punishing trail you will find anywhere."

He said competitors range from amateurs to pros, ages 16 to 70.

"We have riders from as far away as Prince Edward Island and Pennsylvania," said Sharpless. "There are several riders who have now ridden over 30 consecutive Corduroy Enduros. One competitor has even told his daughter if she gets married on the third weekend after Labour Day, he won't be there."

The winning rider, Brian Wojarnoski, has won back-to-back enduros after winning last year's as well. A list of all the past winners, and a breakdown of who won from where, can be found on the event's website at corduroyenduro.ca.

Highlander sports



Photo submitted by Dan Emsley

Nick Emsley on the starting line at the Ontario Championships in Horseshoe Valley.

Emsley finishes in top 10

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton's Nick Emsley is nearing the end of his season, with just one race left in October after finishing ninth overall in the Ontario Championships at Horseshoe Valley.

On Sept. 21, Emsley battled a cold and poor racing conditions to earn his top 10 finish.

"It was a tough and muddy race that caused a lot of people to have problems getting traction," he said. "Many of the racers

avoided the rock sections because they became really treacherous."

He said course officials changed the course a bit before the race because the bridges became too slippery to ride on.

"I managed to not crash and ended up with a pretty solid ride," he said. "There were a lot of us in the race with colds and that adds another challenge to the race."

Next for Emsley is the Single Track Challenge in Barrie, which he won last year.

"I would like to get another win to close the season."

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Highlander events

More hikes and live entertainment add to festival

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Periods of heavy rain and overcast skies didn't stop hundreds of hikers from exploring the best that the Haliburton Highlands has to offer during the 12th annual Hike Haliburton Festival.

Although the final numbers have yet to be determined, 900 people pre-registered to participate in the festival, which took place from Sept. 18-21.

"I would say at this point, we're likely slightly better than last year," said Amanda Ranson, director of tourism for the County of Haliburton.

Hosted by the County, the festival featured nearly 70 guided, themed hikes and other activities for those of all ages. Hikes ranged anywhere from half a kilometre to 15 kilometres in length, and took place throughout the county.

None of the hikes or other festivities had to be cancelled because of the weekend's weather.

"Everything went forward as it would," said Ranson, adding that hikers are used to dealing with inclement weather.

Some of Ranson's highlights included the new hikes that were added to this year's program and the live entertainment that was offered to the public.

"I think our events were quite successful this year," she said. "The Betty and the Bobs concert was a huge hit with a lot of people."



Photo by Mark Arike

Shane Leach, owner of Smokin' Jake's BBQ Shack, serves up dinner for visitors at the Hike Haliburton blast-off barbecue held at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Sept. 18.

The group of Toronto musicians performed at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Sept. 20.

Hike participants were asked to complete a survey and the results from that will be included in a presentation to the tourism committee on Oct. 8. Those who didn't have a chance to fill one out will have an opportunity

to do so online.

In addition to determining the number of hikers, the information will also reveal how they spent their money while here.

"If they wished, they could tell us what they spent. So we'll definitely be pulling all of that together for the final report," she said.

Ranson would like to see the event take

place next year, however, that decision has yet to be made by county council.

"The recommendations will have to come forward to council and ultimately [they'll] make a decision on next year, but I don't see why we wouldn't [host it]."

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Highlander events



Photo by Mark Arike

Dale Schott, left, and Lynn Yamazaki with soon-to-be guide dog, Happy.

Lions raise \$2,100 for guide dogs

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Although only a few walkers participated in this year's Purina Walk for Dog Guides, it didn't hamper the Lions Club's fundraising efforts.

"We had six walkers in total however there were many people that made donations," said Mary Lawr, event co-chair and Haliburton and District Lions Club member.

The seventh annual event was held at the Village Square in Haliburton on Sept. 20.

While participants raised \$1,380, the club brought in \$2,100 through other means during the year, including garage and bake sales. The funds will be donated to the Lions Foundation of Canada to help train guide dogs for Canadian residents who need them.

It costs approximately \$25,000 to train the animals, which help Canadians who have visual, hearing, medical or physical disabilities.

Lawr believes the rain that came down right at the start of the event had a negative impact on turnout.

"Unfortunately one more time Mother Nature tried to dampen our spirits and we know she greatly impacted the walk with her bad weather," she said.

Live entertainment was also provided by

local performer Albert Saxby and Lions Club volunteers hosted a barbecue before the heavy downpour.

Toronto resident Lynn Yamazaki attended the event with her husband and former foster dog, Happy. Yamazaki began looking after the yellow lab when she was seven weeks old.

"She was actually recalled to go back to school July 21," she said, referring to the training Happy needs before she can become a wheelchair service dog.

This was the fifth dog that Yamazaki has been a foster parent to. While looking after Happy she helped her with her social skills in public settings.

Yamazaki got interested in the program after learning about it as a volunteer illustrator for the CNIB, an organization that supports Canadians with vision loss.

"When you see the dogs working for people, it's just really gratifying," she said. "It's amazing what they can do."

Minden resident Amanda Ranson was the event's top fundraiser with \$390 in donations.

"I think it's a great cause, and it's great that 100 per cent goes to the program," said Ranson, who participated for the first time with her rescue dog, Magnum.

Lawr would like to thank all of the participants, sponsors and donors for all their support.

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A Foundation for the Health of the Highlands
Eighteenth Annual General Meeting
of the
Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation
Monday September 29, 2014 – 10 am
Board Room, HHHS Haliburton Facility, Haliburton, Ontario

Purpose of the Annual General Meeting:

1. To receive the report of the Board of Directors
2. To receive the report of the Auditors & Financial Statements
3. The appointment of the Auditors
4. To conduct the election of the Directors
5. Any other business as may properly come before the meeting.

For further information contact the HHHS Foundation at 705-457-1588, 705-286-1580 or foundation@hhhs.on.ca

OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory

William George Hewitt

Passed away peacefully at Extensicare Haliburton on Tuesday, September 16, 2014. In his 91st year.

Beloved husband of Jean (deceased). Dear father of Derek (Suzanne-deceased) of Burlington, Dora (Roger Diet) of Haliburton, Carol (David Francis) of Orma. Loving grandpa of Karl (Brynn), Kevin (Sharon), Devon (Joan), and Lauren (Ryan). Brother-in-law of Mabel and Anna. Predeceased by his sisters Margaret, Dora, Gladys, Alice, Isobel and by his brothers Raymond and Murray. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to a Gathering to Celebrate George's Life, at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygega Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden in the Monk-Coy Family Centre on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service in the Chapel at 1:45 pm. Cremation has taken place. Interment for George and Jean will be held at the Minden Cemetery following the Service.

Memorial Donations to the Kidney Foundation or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.



Bert Lee

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Monday evening, September 22, 2014 in his 87th year.

Beloved husband of Audrey. Loving father of Rick (Doreen), Dave (Beth), Rob, Jim (Cheryl), Bruce and Laura. Cherished grandfather of Jennifer, Taylor, Jessica, Katie and Madison. Dear brother of Gord and

Lorraine. Also lovingly remembered by his nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

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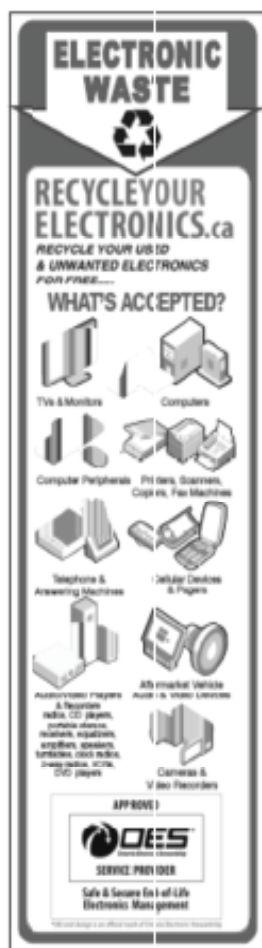
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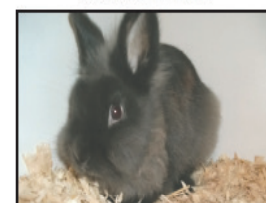
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Land Trust names enviro-heroes

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust will recognize four enviro-heroes at its Wild About Nature Gala on Sept. 28.

According to the Land Trust, enviro-heroes are “individuals, businesses or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the protection and sustainability of the area’s natural resources and environment, through education, stewardship, healthy living, green business, or the arts in Haliburton County.”

The Land Trust’s executive director, Larry O’Connor, said this year’s group of enviro-heroes can each be found leading efforts in the community to make it a greener place to live.

Each municipality was asked to nominate an enviro-hero from their community. Minden Hills opted to recognize Paul MacInnes. As the chair of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners’ Association (CHA), MacInnes has played a major role in raising awareness about septic systems, lake health, and shoreline naturalization.

“It’s very flattering,” MacInnes said of the nomination. “Everything that I do is as part of a team.”

Being named an enviro-hero is an opportunity to get the word about lake health, he said.

“As you know, lake health is my number one passion because it is so incredibly important to the community I love so much, which is the Haliburton Highlands. If we don’t care of our lake health, we don’t take care of our community. So much we rely on up here depends on the health of our lakes.”

MacInnes said the CHA’s popular ‘Poop Talk’ video, which tackled the issue of septic systems and how they impact our lakes, reached more viewers than anyone expected.

“When we made ‘Poop Talk’, which once again was a team effort, we very much hoped maybe 500-600 people in the Highlands would see that video last summer,” he said. “Over 10,000 saw it last summer and now up over 20,000 have seen it, not only all over the Haliburton Highlands but the message has spread across Canada, the United States and into Australia.”

He said a rural community group from Australia contacted the CHA for permission to use the ‘Poop Talk’ video in one of their meetings.

“It has really spread and we’re really proud of it.”

The CHA’s latest video, ‘Ribbon of Life’, is a beginner’s guide to shoreline stewardship and has proved to be enormously successful, MacInnes said.

“I’m very pleased with the success of those.” MacInnes said he keeps hitting on the topics of septic health and shoreline naturalization.

“I keep hammering on those two topics,” he said. “I meet regularly with the top scientists that are involved in lake health, and what they have said to me time and again is those are the two key things that you can do to protect your lakes.”

“They tell me the time to act is now.”

The CHA’s big project now, and for the next four to five years, is shoreline classification and restoration which is part of the Love Your



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Laurie Scott, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP addresses the audience at the 2012 years Land Trust Wild About Nature Gala.

Lake Ontario-wide protocol.

“We got very aggressive this year. We did over 2,500 properties classified this summer, which no group in Ontario has ever achieved that in the first year.”

Once volunteers have classified the property, the owner will receive simple and easy directions on how they can improve the quality of their lake by making changes to their shoreline.

Over in Highlands East, a young student named Mikaela Kauffeldt has been recognized for her efforts to improve the health of her community.

Two years ago, Kauffeldt, then in Grade 7 at Wilberforce Elementary School, approached Highlands East municipal council to organize a municipal-wide clean-up initiative. In the spring of 2014, when she was in Grade 8, Kauffeldt saw her vision come to reality as she led her school in a cleanup around Wilberforce.

She also organized garbage and recycling pickup throughout the rest of Earth Week in an attempt to rally the community to clean itself up.

“It feels good to be recognized,” Kauffeldt said. “It was about people getting involved in the community and learning what Earth Day is all about.”

Kauffeldt said she was inspired to do this because of her love for the Earth, and she wanted to make a difference.

“I wanted to get the word out about cleaning up the community,” she said. “Anyone can make a difference.”

Now in her first year of high school, Kauffeldt said she wants to continue with her clean-up program in Highlands East and that she’s trying to get more people involved.

Mark Brohm in Dysart et al is the third enviro-hero, who has also taken an active role in educating the public about recycling.

“It’s an honour to get that,” he said. “I know what shape our landfills are in and how important they are to us. I made a movie for [Dysart et al] last summer and we use it as a bit of a tool.”

Known as the Lord of the Landfill, Brohm said people who don’t separate their garbage aren’t aware the landfill has designated areas for certain types of refuse.

“If it’s a recyclable piece, we have the spots for them,” he said. “We do have lots of people who come in here and still throw a bag of bottles and cans in the landfill. We try to keep an eye on that.”

Brohm said space at the landfill is getting smaller, so there’s no reason recyclables should be left in the general trash. A big part of his work is to educate youth on how the landfills operate.

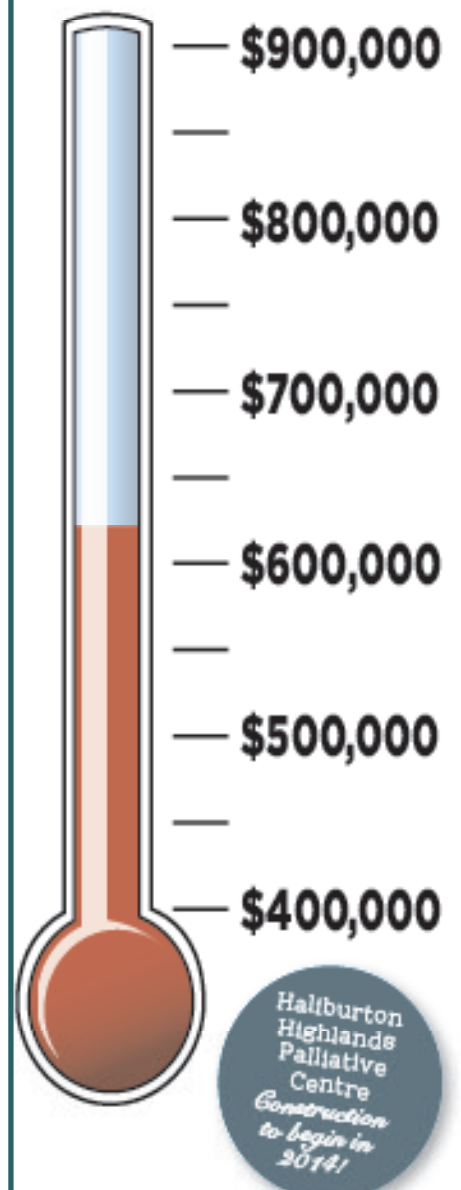
“We take the kids around,” he said. “We’ve had groups in the summer from different schools and camps, and we’ve taken them around. A lot of them have never been to a landfill. We show them the film I made [called Trash Talk] before they start, and then I take them on a tour.”

The last enviro-hero is Algonquin Highlands resident Walter Ozog.

Ozog was nominated for his work as president of the Ski Friends of the Frost Centre, and in helping to promote a healthy community through outdoor activity and volunteerism.

The Wild About Nature Gala is happening at the Bonnie View Inn on Sept. 28. Cocktails and social hour are from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., at which point dinner will be served. Activities during the evening include a silent auction and the enviro-heroes recognition ceremony.

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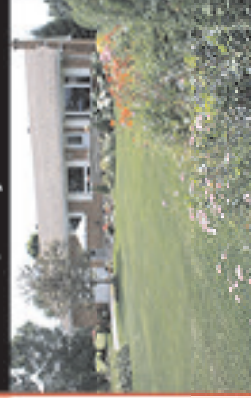
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